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Sunday School Lesson

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LESSON FOR DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS LESSON—THE VISIT OF THE WISE MEN.

...SSON TEXT—Matt. 2:1-12.
...LDEN TEXT—And when they had ... their treasures they presented ...m gifts; gold and frankincense ...rh.—Matt. 2:11.
...RY TOPIC—Wise Men Visit the ...
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...ho sought Jesus ...or Persian as... ...he stars. The ...sual star at... ...n. Perhaps ... the famous ...m. 24:17). ...ce of the ...or the

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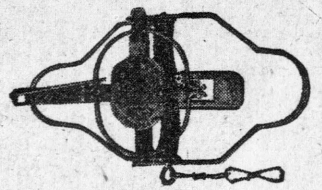

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Yet despite it all there remain many articles, Holiday a... ...ich we mean to close out by Dec. 31st, even if we have ...r cuts into the former prices.

So to accomplish this sweeping clean up of everything ... ...e shall reduce everyone of those articles very heavily... ...in expressing our appreciation of your libera... ...the future the same studied efforts to please ... ...e service and also in our efforts to give ... ...rade goods at very reasonable fi... ...e wish all our esteemed pa... ...errie Xma...

by Harry ...
Kirk, Ruth Gillespie, Santa in an auto loaded with toys.

Prettily trimmed Christmas trees are shown in Mrs. McCrone's in Miss Mc Faul's and in Miss Prudence Lewis' rooms. The rooms of Mrs. McCrone, Miss Ada ...tt and Miss Prudence Lewis are also ...omely decorated in holiday attire of ... buntings, holly boughs, bells etc. ... McCrone's room is also some ...t junior work in crayon and draw... ...rge X-mas bells by Etta Doktor, ...er teams, Santa and his packed ... by Edith Eliason—a real fine ... old mill and fence done in a big ...oe and a night scene by Miriam

...t's room has some clever little ...yon outlines with bits of pic... ... them, and a real talented ...k by little 8 year old June ... Santa doing the chimney f... ...ever things by 8 and 10 ... Myers, Naomi Keith, Ma... ...others, and a big Santa ... 9 years old.

...ie Jones, room was a re... ...ed crayon bird ...vith green-hued ... red house with ..., a water scene ...ountains, bridge ...s and other ...ple ...nd

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...the Lock... ...Hundred Club ...their home on ... afternoon from ... There were six ... spent a delightful ... prizes were distri... Richard Cann, 1st;

... was won by Mrs. ...e second and third ... W. T. Connellee ... Refreshments

...ere present. ... Mrs. E. C. Mc... ...llee, Mrs. J. G. ... Miss Eliza... ... Mrs. W. ...hamberlaine, ...T. Cann, Mrs. ...lits, Mrs. G. ...d, Mrs D. W. ...rs, T. E. Lind ...nd, Jr., Mrs. ...tchin, Miss

...an, of Odessa, called on George Webb ... wife on Sunday.

George Webb and wife left on Thursday to spend the winter with their son George Roemer and wife, of Odessa.

M. G. Moore, of Salem, N. J., spent Sunday with friends here.

Mrs. Dilworth Vandegrift, of McDonough, was the guest of her parents R. S. Carpenter and wife on Tuesday.

Mrs. Hanna Ostenson entertained over Sunday her daughter Miss Helene, of Vandyke's corner.

Supt. A. R. Spaid visited the School here on Wednesday.

Miss Reba Dolbow, who is a trained nurse and practising in Philadelphia, was called home to attend to her sister and niece, Mrs. William Fisher, and daughter Miss Lillian, who are sick with Scarlet fever.

The children of the Presbyterian Sunday School are busy practising for their Christmas entertainment to be given Sun... ...ay evening. The usual treat to a box of candy will also be given to the children.

The property sold by the heirs of the ...te conad Zacheis was purchased by ...omas Higgins.

OBITUARY

ISAA... ...AVES

On Tuesday, Mr. Isaac T. Redgraves died at the home of his son Mr. John Redgraves, on the "Wheatland Farm" near Mt. Pleasant. He had been ill for several months with lung trouble and was 72 years old at the time of his death. Mr. Redgraves leaves three sons and four daughters, Messrs. Rowe and James Redgraves our well-known merchants and Mr. John W. Redgraves who is farming ... Wheatland place; Mrs. Dillard ...orth and Mrs. Elmer Stafford, resi... ... Middl... ...vicinity; Mrs. ... Md., and ...iladelphia. ...ld on Fri... ... John W. ...erm. Rev. ...e conducting them. The ...e interred in the Forest Ceme...

...graves spent the most of his ...ife in Cecil County, Md., but had ...y friends in this section. He was ...ghly esteemed by all who knew him, ...th in his old Maryland home and in Delaware.

MISS CAROLYN McALEER

Miss Carolyn McAleer died at her home in East Orange, N. J. Thurday, after an illness of several months. Miss McAleer is the second doughter of Mrs. Mary McAleer, and her numerous friends here were shocked when told of her untimely death. The remains were brought to Middletown Friday afternoon and Mass will be held in St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church this (Saturday) morning, and interment made in the adjoining cemetery.

House Burned in Odessa

Fire of an unknown origin destroyed the dwelling in Odessa on Thursday owned by Daniel Gibbs. Mary Wright, colored, the tenant of the house was attending a funeral at the time the fire was discovered, and only a small quantity of her household effects were saved. There was no insurance. Two other dwellings caught but the flames were extinguished before doing any damage.

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Comedy

"JUDGE SIMPKIN'S SUMMER COURT"—Essanay
Comedy

Don't forget the extraordinary pictuye on Xmas Night, "The Life of Moses"—Vitagraph. In 5 Reels.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
Commencing Monday, December 25th, 1911, exhibitions will be given on Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings only. Theatre will not be opened on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

First Exhibition starts at 7.30 P. M.
Second Exhibition starts at 9.00 P. M.
Adult, Admission 10 cents. Children under 12 years of age, 5 cents
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... bolted at the first shot over yonder, and the little fellow is after it. He's down the field there somewhere."

How time dragged! The battery to left of us went into action, and began firing rapidly; we could mark the black figures of the cannoneers at the nearer guns, outlined against the sky over the crest, as they moved quickly back and forth. Twice they bore motionless bodies to the rear, and laid them down tenderly beyond the fierce zone of fire. Then the heavier pieces of artillery farther down the line burst into thunder, and we silently hills similar to those we occupied, I could perceive the flames of numerous camp-fires leaping up into sudden radiance, while against the brightening sky a great flag lazily flapped its folds to the freshening breeze. Evidently our opponents were first astir, and the headquarters of some division of the enemy must be across yonder. As I gazed, other fires burst forth to left and right as far as the unaided eye could carry through the gloom, and I was thus enabled to trace distinctly those advanced lines opposing us. Experience told me their position must be a strong one, and their force heavy.

As I turned to mark our own formation, the roll of drums rang out, while the quickening notes of the reveille sounded down the long lines of slumbering men. Life returned, as if by magic, to those motionless forms, and almost in a moment all below me became astir, and I could clearly distinguish the various branches of the service, as they stretched away commingled upon either hand. We were evidently stationed close to the centre of our own position. The intervening ground sloped so gently forward, while the hill crest was so thickly crowned with trees, it looked an ideal position from which to advance in line of attack. Upon my right there appeared a break in the solidity of our line, but even as I noted it, wondering at the oversight, the dense front of an infantry column debouched from a ravine and, marching steadily forward, filled the gap. I could distinctly mark the wearied manner in which the men composing it flung themselves prostrate on the hard ground the moment they were halted—doubtless all through the long hours of the black night they had been toiling on to be in time.

Aides were galloping furiously now among the scattered commands. The obscuring fog slowly rose from off the face of the valley, but all the central portion remained veiled from view. Suddenly, as I watched, the brown cloud beneath me was rent asunder here and there by little spits of fire, and it was curious to observe how these quick spiteful darts of flame swept the full length of my vista. I could distinguish no reports,—it was too far away,—but realized that the opposing pickets had caught sight of each other through the gloom. Then a big gun boomed almost directly opposite me, its flame seeming like a red-hot knife rending the mist. This had barely vanished when a sudden cheer rang out upon my left, and I turned in time to beh... a thin, scattered line of gray-c... ...fantrymen ... down the ... to the ... ...nd

... arms of one of ... intense scream of ... human, the horse of my ...t reared and came over, ... the rider before he could loose foot from stirrup; the Lieutenant-Colonel rode slowly past us to the rear, his face deathly white, one arm, dripping blood, dangling helpless at his side. This was the hardest work of war, that silent agony which tried men in helpless bondage to unyielding discipline. I glanced anxiously along the front of my troop, but they required no word from me; with tightly set lips, and pale, stern faces, they held their line steady as granite, closing up silently the ragged gaps torn by plunging balls.

"Captain," said Colgate, riding to where I sat my horse, "you will see that the paper I gave you reaches home safe if I fail to come out of this?"

I reached over and gripped his hand hard.

"It will be the first thing I shall remember, Jack," I answered earnestly. "But we may have it easy enough after all—it seems to be an infantry affair."

He shook his head gravely.

"No," he said, pointing forward, "they will need us now."

As he spoke it seemed as though the sharp firing upon both sides suddenly ceased by mutual consent. The terrible roar of small arms, which had mingled with the continuous thund... of great guns, died away into an intermittent rattling of musketry, and as the heavy smoke slowly drifted upward in a great white cloud, we could plainly distinguish the advancing Federal lines, three ranks deep, stretching to left and right in one vast, impenetrable blue wall, sweeping toward us upon a run. Where but a brief moment before the plain appeared deserted, it was now fairly alive with soldiery, the sun gleaming on fixed bayonets, and faces aglow with the ardor of surprise. Some one had blundered! The thin, unsupported line of gray infantry directly in our front closed up their shattered ranks hastily in desperate effort to stay the rush. We could see them jamming their muskets for volley fire, and then, with clash and clatter that drowned all other sounds, a battery of six black guns came flying madly past us, every horse on the run, lashed into frenzy by his wild rider. With carriage and caisson leaping at every jump, the half-naked, smoke-begrimed cannoneers clinging to their seats like monkeys, they dashed recklessly forward, swung about into position, and almost before the muzzles had been well pointed, were hurling canister into that blue, victorious advance. How those gallant fellows worked! their guns leaping into air at each discharge, their movements clockwork! Tense, eager, expectant, every hand among us hard gripped on sabre hilt, we waited that word which surely could not be delayed, while from end to end, down the full length of our straining line, rang out the yell of exultant pride.

"Steady, men; steady there, lads!" called the old Colonel, sternly, his own eyes filled with tears. "Our turn will come."

Torn, rent, shattered, bleeding, treading upon the dead and mangled in rows, those iron men in blue came on. They were as demons laughing at death. No rain of lead, no hail of canister, no certainty of destruction could check now the fierce impetus of that forward rush. God knows it was magnificent; the supreme effort ... men intoxicated with the enthusi... of war! Even where we were ...ould see and feel the giant power ...hose grim ranks of steel—the tat...ed flags, the stern, set faces, the ... chorus of "Glory, glory,

... Abou... ...e scarce a hundred men ...tled like demons for their lives ... midst of the guns. Even as I gl... aside at them, shielding my head with uplifted sabre from the blows rained upon me, the color-sergeant flung up his hand, and grasped his saddle pommel to keep from falling. Out of his opening fingers I snatched the splintered staff, lifted it high up, until the rent folds of the old flag caught the dull glow of the sunlight.

"—th Virginia!" I shouted. "Rally on the colors!"

I could see them coming—all that was left of them—fighting their way through the press, cleaving the mass with their blows as the prow of a ship cut the sea. With one vicious jab of the spur I led them, a thin wedge of tempered gray steel, battering, gouging, rending a passage into that solid blue wall. Inch by inch, foot by foot, yard by yard, slashing madly with our broken sabres, battling as men crazed with lust of blood, our very horses fighting for us with teeth and hoofs, we ploughed a ... of death through a dozen files. Th... the vast mass closed in ...pon ... rolled completely over us. There ... a flash, a vision of ...enzied ... and I knew no more

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DIRTY EGG... THE FARM

...e there are a few egg producers who take the best of care of their product, the average farmer considers the eggs produced on the farm a by product and makes very little provision for their care, aside from gathering them. A large loss is caused by dirting eggs the number being enormous and according to the estimate of Secretary Wilson of the Department of Agriculture this money l... farmers in the United States an... $5,000,000 a...

This lo... by not ... In wet ... than at a... by the ... covered with mud or othe... going on the nest to lay she... already in the nest.

An insufficient number of ... the cause of many of the dirty eg... Eggs are laid on the ground and ... the hay and straw stacks and becom... stained are classed as "dirties." A... when too many eggs are allowed to ... main in a nest some are broken and many others become smeared with broken yolks.

This condition is often brought about by allowing the broody hens to use the same nests with the layers. On a farm where one nest to every four hens is provided and the nests are kept clean and well bedded it is found that very few dirty eggs are produced.

After gathering the eggs care should be taken not to put them where they will become heated or near oil, onions or other vegetables as they readily absorb odors.

Although a dirty egg may be perfectly fresh they invariably sell as "seconds" and when but a few dirty eggs are mixed with an otherwise fresh clean lot they materially decrease the price of the clean eggs.

At the Dinner

Last Christmas a certain minister was invited to a big dinner at the house of one of the leading men in town. At the dinner table he was placed opposite a goose. The lady of the house was placed on the minister's left. Seeing the goose he remarked:

"Shall I sit so close to the goose?"

Finding his words a bit equivocal, he turned round to the lady, and said, in a most inoffensive tone:

"Excuse me, my lady; I meant the roast one."

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